Proclamation

WHEREAS, people of all ages throughout the world have developed illnesses from toxic injury, also referred to as chemically induced illness; and

WHEREAS, every person is at risk for toxic injuries; and

WHEREAS, toxic chemical injury can be caused by short-term or chronic exposure to one or more chemicals and solvents, and can start at any age; and

WHEREAS, toxic chemical injury is often characterized by heightened sensitivity to very small amounts of air pollution, petrochemicals, and other toxins found in our everyday products and environment; and

WHEREAS, toxic injury may include multiple, often disabling illnesses, which affect the respiratory, central nervous, immune, musculoskeletal, porphyrin, energy metabolism, and endocrine systems, and can be life threatening; and

WHEREAS, toxic injury is a chronic debilitating condition for which there is no known cure, causing serious financial, employment, learning, housing, health, social and other consequences; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of these illnesses and the lack of knowledge and qualified doctors warrant further education in this field for medical, health care and emergency personnel, architects, HVAC designers, building maintenance and cleaning personnel, as well as the general public; and
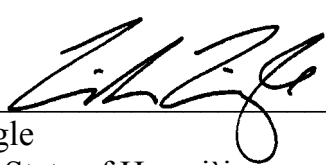
WHEREAS, those suffering with toxic injury deserve the same rights, acknowledgement, respect, support and help allotted to other illnesses and disabilities,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai`i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2006, as
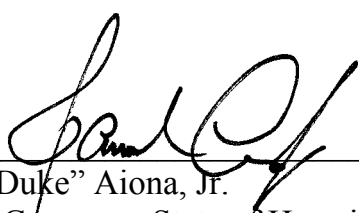
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in Hawai`i, and encourage all citizens to increase awareness, education, understanding, and research into the causes, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of toxic injury.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this third day of May 2006.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai`i

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai`i